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SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President, the whole issue is whether it should go to committee A or committee B. All I want to know is what specifically are the reasons for committee A. When Senator Bereuter first spoke, he did not even discuss what the bill was. Therefore, we couldn't know what his reasons were.

PRESIDENT: First of all, there's been a distortion of the word "yield" on this floor. The only people that yield are those that have something to yield. You must have the floor to yield it. You can yield it for the purpose of receiving a question. That question should be factual. The questions themselves should not be rhetorical or argumentative.

SENATOR DeCAMP: OK. Does Senator Bereuter feel the Agricultural Committee has the capability to hear the bill fairly?

PRESIDENT: Now you are asking a rhetorical question. Do you really want . . . can you . . .

SENATOR DeCAMP: I want an answer of yes or no. That's the whole issue here Mr. President. Good grief!

PRESIDENT: But debate isn't used for the purpose of cross-examination. Senator DeCamp has the floor.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, a motion has been made to move the bill from one committee to the other. I have tried to illicit the specific reasons why we should or should not do this. You have viewed these questions as either rhetorical or cross-examination or one term or another such as that. All I want to know is what specifically are the reasons we should have the committee -- or the bill in committee A or committee B.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter has been standing all through this. He will have the opportunity to close his debate. I think that he should be able to do it in his own style and his own time. Senator Cavanaugh.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: What's the motion? There's a motion to adjourn.

CLERK: Mr. President, right before adjournment I do need to stick in a notice of committee hearing on committees in the Journal from the Judiciary Committee. Senator Kelly had an announcement to make too.

PRESIDENT: Motion to adjourn until 9:00, is that it.

CLERK: Till 9:00 a.m., signed Senator Barnett. 9:00.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall we adjourn to 9:00. Record your vote.